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References AO-AT have been cited in the International Search Report. Copies of these references are being submitted herewith only when not automatically provided by the International Searching Authority.

AO JP 2000-340501

Concise Explanation of Relevance: This KOKAI publication discloses detecting and controlling the temperature of a gas supplied from a hot gas source.

AP JP 2002-343708

Concise Explanation of Relevance: This KOKAI publication discloses means for vertically moving an object to be treated, while simultaneously holding the lower surface of that object.

AQ JP 9-8108

Concise Explanation of Relevance: This KOKAI publication discloses a structure wherein gas jetting holes are opposed to the entire rear surface of an object to be treated.

AT JP 2003-188077

Concise Explanation of Relevance: This KOKAI publication discloses a substrate drying apparatus comprising: a diffusing member; a support member; hot air supplying means, a discharge port, a heater, etc. The diffusion member is opposed to the rear side of a substrate, and the support member supports that substrate by holding its peripheral portions.